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## C.W. Hargrave, J. Dougherty Vie For ANC Seat

**A**NC2D is preparing to fill a vacancy on the six member commission. The vacancy was created when American University student Trevor Saccante resigned to follow his job out of the District.

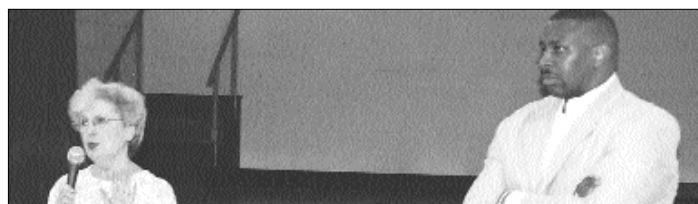
Former ANC Commissioner Charles W. Hargrave and Sierra Club leader Jim Dougherty have filed nominating petitions with the Board of Elections to fill the vacancy for Single Member District 2D02.

The ANC is now waiting to hear from the Board of Elections. If the Board of

Elections finds that both candidates submitted the required number of names on their petitions, the ANC will announce at its September meeting that it will hold a special election at its regularly scheduled meeting in October.

Residents in Town Center East apartments and everywhere in Capitol Park except for 201 I St. S.W. are in single member district 2D02 and can come to the meeting to vote.

The procedures for ANC special elections to fill vacancies are set down in the District's ANC law.



Council Member Sharon Ambrose spoke at the SWNA meeting. SWNA President Rev. George E. Holmes is at right.

## SWNA Watches Parade Videos; Hears Ambrose

At its June meeting the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly watched videos of the June 2 S.W. Parade and welcomed the Ward Council Member who will represent Southwest as we join Capitol Hill in a new Ward 6 on January 1, 2002.

Council Member Sharon Ambrose will be up for re-election as the Ward 6 Council representative in the primary and general elections of September and November, 2002. She spoke of the close cooperation she has already enjoyed with Southwest residents during the planning for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, and will be glad to meet with people in

Southwest, but won't take over from Council Member Jack Evans until January 1, 2002.

As to the non-residential part of Southwest that the Council left in Ward 2, she said, "He [Second Ward Council Member Jack Evans] wanted it, and it didn't matter to me," or words to that effect.

## Gottlieb Simon Starts New ANC Job With D.C.

**G**ottlieb Simon, longtime executive director of the Southwest Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC2D), is leaving to take a new job as executive director of the newly created "Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions," that is intended to provide support and training to the ANC's citywide.



The parcel of land at 4th and E St. S.W., ready for development.

## Council OKs Sale Of Parking Lot At 4th & E, S.W.

**T**he former Chevron (and Gulf) gas station site at the S.W. corner of 4th and E St. S.W. will be sold by the Redevelopment Land Agency, according to a recent vote of the D.C. Council.

"DNC Non-Federal Programs, Inc." submitted an "unsolicited proposal" for the negotiated disposition and development of Parcel 69, the E St. site.

Southwest's ANC2D adopted a sharply worded statement criticizing the RLA for not obeying the law which requires notification to the neighborhood ANC of actions like this.

The ANC also charged that RLA staff member Jose Nunez misled Council Member Harold Brazil of the Council's Committee on Economic Development in saying that the ANC had been given notice.

The ANC claims that Nunez notified them 2 days before RLA's decision meeting, rather than the 30 days required by law. The staff memo to the RLA said that the ANC had been notified and had offered no opposition – "a complete misrepresentation", according to the ANC.

(See page 7 story "Bad Precedent" for more)

## Summer BB Has Short Season At King-Greenleaf

**H**alf a dozen teams have started a four week, plus playoff tournament, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at King-Greenleaf outdoor court, at N and First St. S.W. The tournament is being financed by a \$9,400 grant from the George Preston Marshall Foundation (Redskins Fund) through Southwest House.

(For some team pictures and story, see page 8).



Tip-off at the first game between Channel Square and James Creek-3.

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Two jobs are office work – a receptionist and an administrative assistant, paying \$17,000 a year plus health insurance.

Another job requesting experience in "landscaping or construction" is called "Assistant Field Coordinator" and pays between \$18,000 and \$22,000 plus health insurance.

The fourth job – to supervise 12 Earth Conservation Corps Members ages 18-25 in planning and constructing the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, pays between \$35,00 and \$40,000 and asks for a background in construction and building trades, with a bachelor's degree or 7 years work experience.

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## Southwest Community Calendar

August, 2001

- AUG. 2 THURS.** Youth basketball 6:15, 7 pm King-Greenleaf Outdoor Court First & M St. S.W.
- AUG. 4 SAT.** Toddlers – 10:30 am to 12 S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl. S.W.
- AUG. 4 SAT.** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 am Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl. S.W.
- AUG. 4 SAT.** Cookout 11 am to 4 pm at Harbor Patrol 6th and Water St. S.W.
- AUG. 7 TUES.** National Night Out 7 pm First Dist. Police Hqtrs. 415 4th St. S.W.
- AUG. 8 WED** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 pm S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl.
- AUG. 9 THURS.** New Recreation Building discussion. 7 pm King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. S.W.
- AUG. 13 MON.** Project Wonder starts 1 pm – 8 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. S.W.
- AUG. 17 THURS.** PSA 110 Community meeting with police, 7 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.
- AARP, NARFE, SWNA not meeting in August. No Men's Breakfast at Christ Methodist Church until Oct. 20.*
- AUG. 18 SAT.** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 am S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl.
- AUG. 22 WED.** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 pm S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl. S.W.
- AUG. 23 THURS.** Police Meet & Greet about hobbies. PSA 107.5 pm to 7:30 pm First Dist Hqtrs. 415 4th St. S.W.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Aug. 8 to C.W. Hargrave 554-8284.

## Marine Band Free Concerts On Mall

The free summer concerts on the Mall by the U.S. Marine Corps band continue in August. Wednesdays at 8 pm the band plays on the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol, a few blocks from the Capitol South station on the blue and orange Metro line.

On Sundays at 8 pm they play at the Sylvan Theatre on the grounds of the

Washington Monument, a few blocks from the Smithsonian station on the blue and orange line.

## Link & Learn Registers Tues.-Sat., Sep. 4-8

Fall registration for computer courses at D.C. Link & Learn, upstairs in 401 M St. S.W., will start Tuesday, Sep. 4 and continue through Sat. Sep. 8.

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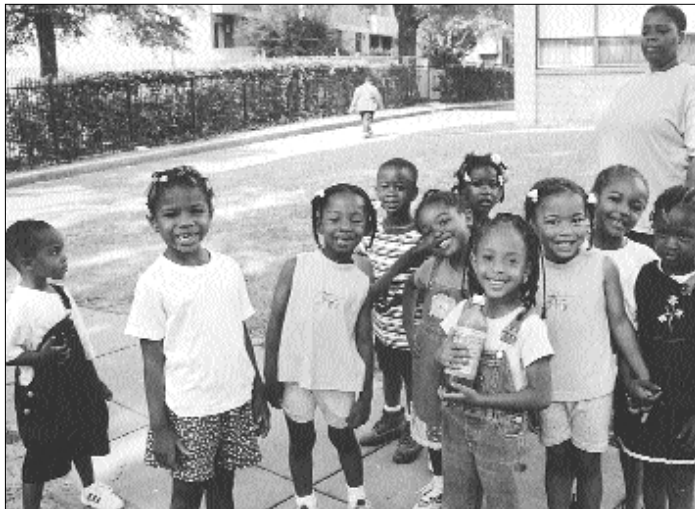
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Children at S.W. Child Development Center at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church wait for their ride to go on a field trip.



A second summer of tennis training is being arranged by the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center.



Shown here: Club 4's 90 lb. team - city champions in 2000. They have now moved up to the 105 lb. class.



This Club 4 Mighty Mite team in 2000 has now grown up to be the 75 lb. team in 2001.

## Toddler Group At S.W. Library Sat. Aug. 4, 10:30-12

A special program for toddlers 5 and under has been meeting at the S.W. Library, with its final summer date Sat., Aug. 4 from 10:30 am to noon.

If you miss this date, it will start again in the fall. Check with children's librarian April King, 724-4691.

## Tutors Needed At Bowen School

One day a week from 1 pm to 2 pm you can tutor a third grade student at Bowen Elementary School, First & M St. S.W.

"Reading Works!" is a program pairing volunteers to work one-on-one with the third graders to improve the students' reading, writing, and communications skills.

If you can spare an hour on Tues., Thurs. or Fri. afternoon, call Brodrick or Tariika at "Artistry in Teaching", (202) 822-8081. They will give you all the information you need to start a meaningful, positive relationship with a child. They welcome people of all ages and professions.

## Project Wonder Returns Aug. 13

Project Wonder, in its seventh consecutive year, will be held Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W. (484-3189).

Children in the near Southwest area ages 5 through 13 can register on the first day at 1 pm. Expect to start on the first exciting field trip after registering. Registration forms are available at area churches, at the South Washington

West of the River Collaborative offices (1501 Half St. S.W., Suite 31) or by calling 554-7863.

The hours for the camp have been changed. It will run from 2 pm to 8 pm with a hot dinner provided each evening.

Sponsored by the Southwest Group Ministry, the bible camp is free with Bible lessons, arts and crafts and a field trip each day. Funding for Project Wonder is provided by area churches, the Washington Redskins' "Hogs" Charitable Program, and River Park Friends (earmarked for transportation to field trips only).

## Pre-K Starts At Riverside Baptist

Four year olds will receive a full day - 8 am to 3:15 pm - of pre-Kindergarten training at the new "Apple Early Reading Academy" at Riverside Baptist Church, 7th and Maine Ave., S.W., with the goal of being able to read before first grade. The phonics-based method of teaching reading will be used.

Tuition will be on a sliding scale according to family income level.

Phone (202) 646-0500.

## Football Season Starts At Club #4

Football practice has begun at Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 with its clubhouse in the gym of Bowen Elementary School, First & M St. S.W.

Practice is nightly at King-Greenleaf field, between Delaware and First St. S.W., N to O St. at 4:45pm.

Four teams are being formed: Mitey Mites (65 lb.), Junior PeeWees (75 lb.), PeeWees (90 lb.), and Junior Midgits (105 lb.). Each player must pay a \$35 registration fee, bring a signed participation form, a 2001 signed physical form and a birth certificate.



Tiber Island's judges for the Southwest Parade were: (L to R) Borthy Brown, Ruth Cuestas and Bab Mansker. At the right are Col. and Mrs. Bud Turnbull, co-op president. Not shown is Wm. Blocker.

Visit... [www.swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org) Southwest D.C.'s Website

## Scenes From The AARP Cruise On The Spirit Ship



The open space at N and First St. S.W., site for a new Parks and Recreation Department Building.

## New Rec Center Building Planned At 1st & N S.W.

**K**ing-Greenleaf Recreation Center will have a new building at the corner of First and N St. S.W. if agreement from the neighborhood can be reached.

The D.C. Dept. of Parks and Recreation has a contractor, called Lynch-Alpha Joint Venture group. At a July 3 meeting at King-Greenleaf they showed an initial drawing of what the center could look like.

They want suggestions NOW from the neighboring residents whose children and families will use the multipurpose room, crafts room, exercise room, meet-

ing room, or whatever can be put in the building within the four million dollars already in the D.C. budget.

Please come to the meeting at 7 pm, Thursday, August 9, in the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. S.W., and hear, see, and speak up.



Jair Lynch, consultant, is helping bring to S.W. a new recreation building at First & N St. S.W.

## High School Athletic Practice Starting

Starting times for fall athletic programs have been announced by local high schools. Wilson High is the 'in boundaries school' for S. W. students and has over 100 students living in Southwest. Their starting dates are:

Football (JV & Varsity) 9 am Mon, Aug. 6 on Wilson football field.

Girls Soccer - 2 practices a day - 8 am & 4 pm - Mon. Aug. 14 Duke Ellington

Field, 38th & R St. N.W.

Boys Soccer - Mon. Aug. 20, 3 pm Ft. Reno next to Wilson.

Volleyball - Mon. Aug. 20, 3 pm Wilson gym

Cheerleaders, Mon. Aug. 14, 6 pm Wilson Teachers Parking lot.

Coach Eddie Saah, Athletic Director, has a phone no. - 202-363-8559.

He urges athletes to turn in consent and physical forms early. Parents are urged to attend games during the season and join the Wilson Athletic Booster Club.

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## BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

### Police To Talk About Hobbies With Neighbors

Police Officers who regularly patrol from I (Eye) St. S.W. and north to the Capitol will tell of their hobbies and learn what neighborhood people have for hobbies.

On Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm the officers of Police Service Area 107 will meet and greet their neighbors at the First District Headquarters, 415 4th St. S.W.

For information call Lt. B. Preston and Sergeant Stewart, 727-4611.

### Syphax Student Of 1940s Is Famous Artist

Martin Puryear, famous sculptor, was featured in Time Magazine's July 9 issue in a series on "America's Best."

Born in 1941, he and his family lived at Half & O St. S.W. He attended Syphax Elementary School at Half and N St. S.W.

Puryear attended Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and Yale University. His first museum show was at the Corcoran Gallery of Art on 17th St. N.W. in 1977.

Three pages of pictures accompanying the Time Magazine article show his works with wood and with wood and steel wire. The article states, "But the intensity of Puryear's work comes from doing everything himself, mainly in wood...Through the action of the shaping hand on wood, he brings forth a poetry of material substance that's unique in today's America."

His studio is in his home in New York State's Hudson Valley.

### Marijuana Sales Now Felonies

Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute can now be a felony in the District of Columbia, similar to the laws of Maryland and Virginia.

The new D.C. law took effect June 8, 2001.

The new law should make it more difficult for dealers and users of marijuana from Maryland and Virginia to do their business in the District, according to a statement from the U. S. Attorney's office. One-third of defendants charged in D.C. for possessing marijuana are from out of state, mostly Maryland and Virginia.

Maximum prison terms will vary from 5 years to 30 years.

### Stress of Police Work Explained By Psychologist

Dr. Beverly Anderson, PhD, spoke at the Police Citizens Advisory Council meeting in Southwest, on the stress-relat-

ed problems faced by police officers and their families.

As president of the American Academy of Police Psychology, Inc, she has written a series entitled "The Echoes of Violence in the Police Family."

### Police Cruisers To Have Photo Radar Cameras

D.C. police have begun using photo radar cameras in cruisers to enforce speeding and red-light running.

At a meeting of the Police Citizens Advisory Council in Southwest a representative of Lockheed Martin explained the equipment and how it operated.

In addition, Metropolitan Police Department Chief Ramsey has announced that red-light cameras will now spot motorists who do not come to a complete stop prior to making a right turn on red.

### Police Harbor Patrol Cook Out Sat Aug 4, 11am- 4 pm

The public is invited to see Bomb Unit equipment, Fireboat equipment and to get information on fishing, boating safety, and the new Falcon 1 helicopter at an Open House and Cook Out at Harbor Patrol headquarters at 550 Water St. S.W., Sat. Aug. 4, 11 am to 4 pm.

The cook-out is co-hosted with officers of Police Service Area 110, the southern three-quarters of Southwest running from I St. S.W. to the Anacostia River.

For information check with Lt. Douglas and Sgt. Bernat at 727-4611, or Lt. Durham, 727-4582.

### National Night Out Aug. 7

The regular first Tuesday of the month meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) for the First Police District will be replaced by a National Night Out Open House for the public at First Dist. police headquarters, 415, 4th St. S.W.

Speaker at the September 4th meeting of CAC will be 3rd Ward Council Member Kathleen Patterson, chair of the Council Judiciary Committee.

### S. W. Residents Advise On ANC Borders

Southwest residents Jan Eichorn, Andy Litsky, Ahmed Assalaam, Roger Moffatt and Richard Westbrook are among residents of the new Ward 6 whom Council Member Sharon Ambrose has appointed to advise her on new ANC boundaries.

Now that the new ward boundaries have been set, the DC Council is turning to the next chapter in the 2000 redistricting story, adjusting the ANC boundaries. Each ward Council Member is establish-

ing a task force, which will hold public meetings and must report to the Council by September 27.

Council Member Ambrose has appointed the following to the Ward 6 task force: Chuck Burger, chair, Ivette Basterrechea, Ken Jarboe, Andy Litsky, Jan Eichorn, Ahmed Assalaam, Richard Westbrook, Monte Edwards, Sheila White, Charlie Doctor, Robert Hall, Lamar King, Will Hill, Ann Black, Frank Zampatori, and John Oubre.

The five At-large Council Members, including the Council Chair, may each appoint one member to each of the eight Ward task forces. Those appointees for the new Ward 6 are: Charles White by Carol Schwarz; Wanda Harris by Harold Brazil; Lawrence Thomas by Linda Cropp; and Margaret Holwill by David Catania. Council Member Phil Mendelson will not be making an appointment.

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### New Waterfront Web Site

The Washington Waterfront Citizens Association has a new web site. It is [www.DCWATERFRONT.org](http://www.DCWATERFRONT.org).

It already contains dramatic aerial photos showing the extent of the Gangplank Marina lease - 600 Water St. S.W. - that has been bought out by the NCRC (National Capital Revitalization Corporation).

The web site promises a full update on that \$3 million purchase.

Elinor Bacon, chief executive of NCRC, visited at a meeting of WWCA and explained the corporation's procedures for hiring a new marina management corporation and moving on development of the waterfront.

She said that Maine Ave. and Water St. should be narrower to create more space for park and new buildings.

(The WWCA will be the D.C. sponsor for the 2001 International Coastal Cleanup. They will be looking for volunteers again, as they did for the rained-out cleanup planned for June 16).

### Brazil Bill Would Ban Cell Phones While Driving

Council Member Harold Brazil is seeking passage by the Council of the District of Columbia of his bill to ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Council Member Brazil cited an official estimate that more than 300,000 car crashes a year in the United States are due to cell phone use.


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## Shirley's Thrill – Shirley Horn At The Ken Cen

By Donald G. Ward

*(Many Southwest residents were in the overflow crowd at the June 24 Shirley Horn concert on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center. Here are excerpts from an enthusiastic review written by one of them, Donald G. Ward)*

Miss Horn started her performance with several moving songs from her latest album, "You're My Thrill," on the Verve label.

In honor of another great female jazz singer, Shirley did her rare version of Miss Peggy Lee's "Fever," with her own subtle sexiness. Snapping fingers echoed through the hall.

Highlight of the evening was no doubt the songs from her 1992 Grammy winning album, "Here's To Life." A hush came over the audience as she sang, "May all your storms be weather and all that's good get better. Here's to life. Here's to love. Here's to you."

As Washington jazz enthusiasts know, Shirley Horn began her career as a pianist in a local D.C. restaurant/night club, and eased into her role as a vocalist. She played the One Step Down for more than twenty years.

Miles Davis coaxed her away to New York City in 1960 to open for him at the Village Vanguard, thrusting her into the spotlight. In 1998 she paid a tribute to

her mentor with the brilliant, "I remember Miles", for which she won the Grammy Award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance

At this Kennedy Center concert Ms. Horn appeared with her gifted accompanists, bass player Charles Ables and percussionist Steve Williams.

What a marvelous performance. It was an honor to be in the presence of such a great talent.

## ANC Supports Buzzards Point Zoning Changes

The Southwest ANC2D voted to support the Office of Planning request for rezoning the Buzzard Point and Capitol Gateway areas bordering the Anacostia River.

When the Council of the District of Columbia adopted the Comprehensive Plan nearly ten years ago, the D.C. Zoning Commission held hearings on changing the zoning map to conform to the Plan. The D.C. Charter requires that zoning "not be inconsistent" with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Office of Planning is now pointing out the inconsistency in the Buzzard Point area. The Comprehensive Plan identifies Buzzard Point as a mixed use area (i.e. offices, retail, residential, etc), but the zoning map shows it as largely M (manufacturing/industrial use).

The Office of Planning fears that the recently rekindled interest in the area will result in haphazard and undesirable "matter of right" development. The Zoning Commission should reopen the case, take action now – such as changing lots fronting the waterfront to W2 (waterfront zoning) – and after the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and other planning efforts have moved along, further refinements can be considered.

## Quick Sale Of SW Land "Bad Precedent"

The District Government would be setting "a dangerous precedent for the disposition of public land" if it sells Parcel 69 at 4th and E St. S.W. without allowing others to offer better terms, according to a statement adopted by Southwest's ANC 2D.

In 1992 Boston Properties wanted to buy the parcel and offered many public benefits in addition to a market rate price of \$5.3 million. BP assumed remediation of contaminated soil on the site, a former gas station, guaranteed 20% community equity participation, a \$250,000 advance profit payment, an education grant of \$50,000 to a Southwest school, an architecture and engineering summer internship program, as well as the standard First Source employment agreement and MBOC agreement for minorities.

"The ANC is concerned that in rushing forward with this unsolicited proposal with so little public notice ... the District and the community may be short-changed," the ANC stated.

## Welcoming The Jewish Sabbath

Those wishing to celebrate the Jewish Sabbath are invited to attend a Sabbath eve service and pot luck dinner on the third Friday of each month at different homes each month.. It is sponsored by the Hill Havurah.

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## Youth Basketball Starts With Bang

By Alvin Hudgens

The 3rd annual S.W. summer youth basketball league started with a bang on July 17. Opening day featured high flying dunks and great defense. In the first game James Creek-3, behind David Simmons, defeated Channel Square 42-41. With 31 seconds to go, James Creek was 5 points up. Scoring on two turnovers, Channel Square pulled within one point,

as time ran out.

Last year's champion, Greenleaf-1, was upset by Arthur Capper, which displayed stunning defense. Without Steven Savoy and without Head Coach Ronald Hines, Greenleaf lacked outside shooting. The final score was 52-42. Games are every Tues. and Thurs. at 6:15pm and 7:30 pm through Aug. 9. Playoffs will be Aug. 14th and 16th.



*Greenleaf 1, Coach Hines absent.*



*James Creek 3, with Coach Mack.*

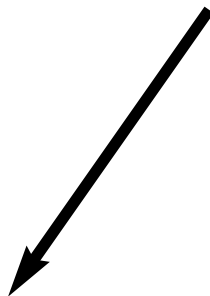


*Channel Square with Coach Derrick.*

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